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SUBJECT: BRATISLAVA - NEW CANAAN HOCKEY MATCH

PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR RESOR

FOR CHARGE FROM BAKER

1. AMBASSADOR RESOR HAS ASKED IF EMBASSY CAN ARRANGE HOCKEY MATCH IN BRATISLAVA ON FEBRUARY 18 OR 19 FOR NEW CANAAN, CONN. HOCKEY TEAM IN BANTAM CLASS - 13-14 YEARS WHICH WILL BE PLAYING IN VIENNA AND SALZBURG THAT WEEK. TEAM IS OF AVERAGE ABILITY FROM MODEST-SIZED TOWN AND DOES NOT WANT TO CHALLENGE BRATISLAVA'S TOP TALENT IN THAT AGE GROUP.

2. BELIEVE THAT BEDNAR, HEAD OF SPARTA CLUB IN PRAGUE AND CISAROVSKY, CHIEF OF THEIR HOCKEY SECTION, WOULD HAVE GOOD ADVICE AS TO WHOM TO CONTACT IN NATIONAL CZECHOSLOVAK HOCKEY FEDERATION AND IN BRATISLAVA TO ARRANGE SUCH A MATCH. PROBABLY SLOVAN CLUB IN BRATISLAVA HAS ONE OR MORE TEAMS IN "MLADI DGACI" CATEGORY WHICH EQUIVALENT TO BANTAMS. A SLOVAN BANTAM TEAM IN THIS AGE GROUP WOULD BE ABOUT RIGHT. NO EXPENSES WOULD BE INCURRED BY HOST TEAM- NEW CANAAN TEAM WOULD ARRIVE IN MORNING FROM VIENNA AND

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NEW CANAAN TEAM WOULD ARRIVE IN MORNING FROM VIENNA AND

RETURN TO VIENNA AFTER GAME.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS AFTER PRELIMINARY CONTACTS REGARDING FEASIBILITY OF MATCH. CZECH EMBASSY HERE STATES THAT THERE IS A SPECIAL PROCEDURE FOR GROUP (MORE THAN TWELVE) VISAS, WHEREBY APPLICATION FORMS AND TWO PHOTOGRAPHS FROM EACH GROUP MEMBER ARE SUBMITTED, TOGETHER WITH LIST OF GROUP AND PASSPORT OF GROUP LEADER. USUAL SEVEN DOLLAR SINGLE ENTRY/EXIT TOURIST VISA FEE IS REDUCED TO THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS PER VISA, AND FOR CHILDREN UNDER AGE FIFTEEN, ADDITIONAL SEVEN DOLLAR PER DAY MONEY CHANGE WOULD ALSO BE REDUCED TO THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS PER PERSON. WE ARE FURTHER TOLD THAT VISA ISSUANCE COULD BE ARRANGED WITHIN A DAY OR TWO, AND THEREFORE, IF MATCH CAN BE SET UP, WOULD PLAN TO ARRANGE FOR GROUP VISAS HERE. SINCE TEAM WILL BE IN BRATISLAVA ONLY A FEW HOURS, IT WOULD BE HOPED THAT THE MONEY CHANGING REQUIREMENT COULD BE WAIVED FOR THE YOUNG TEAM MEMBERS. REQUEST YOU SOUND OUT MFA ON THIS. PRESUME IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR AMBASSADOR AND MRS. RESOR, WHO WILL WISH ACCOMPANY TEAM, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED US OFFICIALS IN VIENNA, TO APPLY FOR THEIR VISAS IN NORMAL MANNER. KISSINGER

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